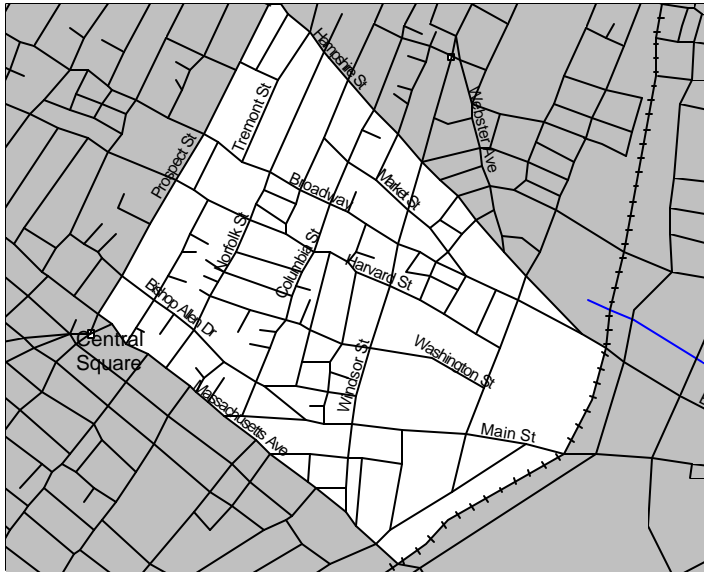
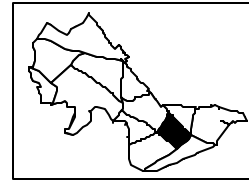


NEIGHBORHOOD 4

AREA 4



BOUNDARIES: the B&A Railroad, Massachusetts Avenue, Prospect Street, and Hampshire Street

POPULATION: 7,263 residents
2,523 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$24,665

Neighborhood #4 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of Car 2 (2 officers), and Car 4R (1 officer). Also included are walking routes 4A, 4B, and 4C, and Central 10.

COMPARISON OF 2ND Q. TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 1999 - 2003

CRIME	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Housebreaks	20	18	33	22	21
Street Robbery	22	14	11	14	17
Auto Theft	26	43	42	25	23
Larceny from MVs	27	45	65	23	22
Malicious Destruction	40	57	60	61	39
Drug Arrests	29	14	8	7	10

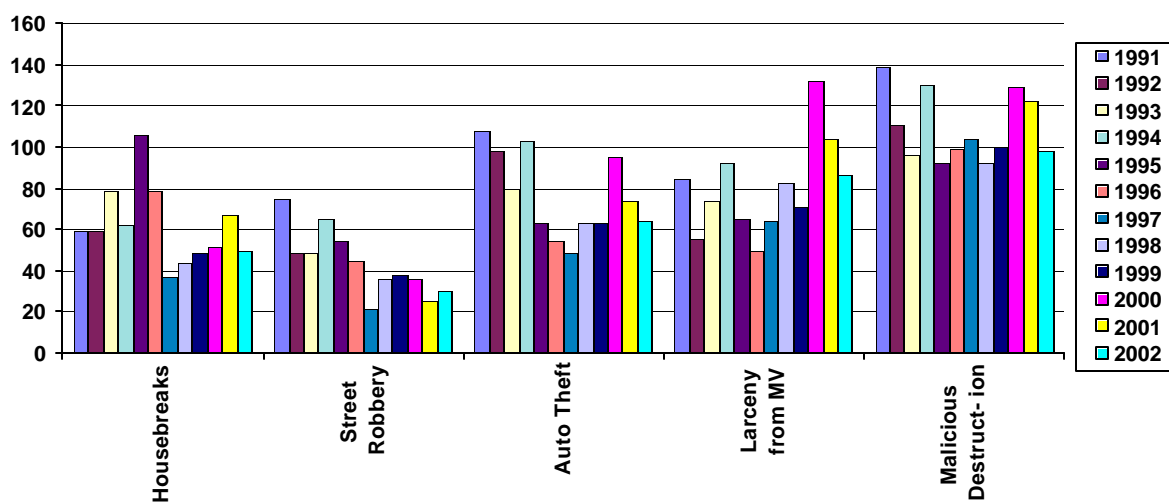
2003 SECOND QUARTER IN REVIEW

Street robberies were concentrated during the week between 8:00 p.m. and midnight. No patterns emerged. Knives and guns were shown in seven of the incidents; however, the weapons were not actually used in any of those incidents. Robbers in this area not only targeted victims' wallets, but individuals walking alone, carrying laptops. • The 200 blocks of Windsor Street, Columbia Street, and Broadway were the main repeat locations for **housebreaks**. Breaks were concentrated on weekdays, especially on Tuesdays and Thursdays between noon and 3:00 p.m. On Thursday, May 1st, there were three reported housebreaks in this neighborhood, two of which had differing suspect descriptions. This small wave of incidents took place around the same time when there was a series of breaks throughout the City. Laptops and jewelry were the most targeted items for theft in these breaks. • **Auto theft** activity was concentrated on Mondays and Wednesdays. Over half of the stolen cars have already been recovered, mostly in Boston. Honda Accords were the most popular cars targeted. • The area of Norfolk and Suffolk Streets were hot for both auto thefts and **larcenies from motor vehicles**. In the early morning of June 23rd there was a small rash of breaks in Area 4, involving the theft of various items, including CDs and an attempt on one stereo. The majority of breaks during the last three months took place Saturdays through Mondays. • **Malicious destruction of property** has decreased significantly from the previous year, but over two thirds of the thirty-nine reported incidents took place between April and June. A third of those incidents involved unknown suspects slashing tires in mid-April on Elm Street. The two major areas of repeat offenses for all incidents were Columbia Street and Bishop Allen Drive. • Four of the ten **drug arrests** were the result of search warrants executed by the Special Investigations Unit.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Area 4 has a less than average residential population (among Cambridge neighborhoods), coupled with a series of commercial establishments lining Massachusetts Avenue. Multi-family homes, as well as large apartment buildings, and 2 public housing developments (Newtowne Court and Washington Elms) distinguish this neighborhood from all others.

- As the numbers denote, Area 4 has earned the top rank among all 13 neighborhoods for street robbery over the past 20 years.
- In recent years, community crime watches, the Cambridge Housing Authority, and thorough policing by the Cambridge Police Special Investigations Unit have succeeded in preventing many potential drug incidents in the neighborhood's residential areas.
- Area 4 **housebreaks** have increasingly rated higher than average, moving from the fifth to the third highest rank among Cambridge neighborhoods over the past 20 years. Area 4 is often a prime target, due to its high population density in residential areas. In both Mid-Cambridge and Area 4, The Crime Analysis Unit identifies several discernable housebreak patterns that emerge throughout each year.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR AREA 4 TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2002*
Housebreaks	101	5	59	4	5
Street Robbery	75	1	48	1	1
Auto Theft	147	3	78	3	1
Larceny from MVs	134	2	77	4	3
Malicious Destruction	131	3	109	4	6

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest